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Facelift to Hebbal industrial roads soon

Industries Minister M.B. Patil in Mysuru, blames 'Central bias' for losing Google AI unit to Andhra

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BLU&BCT)- Arterial roads in the Hebbal Industrial Area, Koorgalli and adjoining stretches connecting major industries in Mysuru will be repaired soon, said Karnataka Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil, who was on a day-long visit to Mysuru this morning.

Drawing his attention to the pathetic condition of roads in the industrial belt that contributes significantly to the State's industrial revenue, *Star of Mysore* pointed out to the Minister that the area has long been neglected, forcing industrialists to endure daily hardship on pothole-ridden roads despite contributing thousands of crores in revenue to the Government.

The bad road to Hebbal Industrial Area. Picture right shows Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil during his visit to Rangsons Aerospace at Hebbal Industrial area this noon as** (from left) **Industries and Commerce Department Commissioner Gunjan Krishna, Industries Department Principal Secretary Dr. S. Selva Kumar, Congress leader M. Pradeepkumar, Senior Director - India Supply Chain, Boeing Ashwani Bhargava and Managing Director and CEO of Rangsons Aerospace Pavan Ranga look on.

Responding, Patil said that Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) CEO Dr. M. Mahesh has already initiated the tender process for road repairs. "The roads will be repaired soon," he assured, though he did not specify any timeline for completion.

Unutilised Semiconductor Park

When questioned about the Semiconductor Park in Mysuru lying unoccupied while several semiconductor and PCB manufacturing industries have shifted operations outside Karnataka, Patil said that a 'major semiconductor player' was coming to Mysuru — but did not elaborate on the company's name or investment scale.

During his visit to the Hebbal Industrial Area, the Minister also toured Rangsons Aerospace, a product technology company specialising in critical aerospace and defence systems.

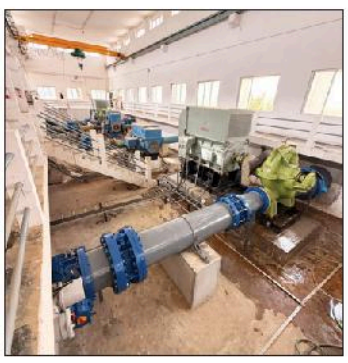
Before heading to Hebbal, Patil visited the Congress Office in Mysuru, where he accused the BJP-led Central Government of deliberately diverting major industrial investments away from Karnataka to other favoured States, including Andhra Pradesh.

(See ROADS on page 7)

Kabini project to end water woes of Mysuru South

Second phase works costing Rs. 33 crore completed

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (RK&BCT)- Residents of the South-eastern and South-western residential areas of Mysuru will soon be free from drinking water shortages, with the completion of a major infrastructure project aimed at ensuring an uninterrupted water supply to the city's Southern localities and surrounding villages.



Downstream of Kabini Reservoir at Kembal village. Intermediate Booster Pumping Station (IBPS) at Kembal. IBPS at Pinjrapole.

The Kabini Drinking Water Project, launched in 2008 under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM), was executed by the Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board (KUWS&DB) in collaboration with the MCC and the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) — now known as the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA).

With the project now complete, CM Siddaramaiah is set to inaugurate it soon. The initiative will provide an additional 110 million litres per day (MLD) of treated water, supplementing the existing 300 MLD currently supplied to Mysuru city.

Mysuru, one of Karnataka's fastest-growing cities after Bengaluru, has seen its population rise from 9.2 lakh in 2011 to over 13 lakh today.

(See PROJECT on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WALKING THE PATH OF WISDOM: ***Wisdom is of the ages and comes with living life through its myriad vicissitudes. It is not a gift*** *gratis,* ***an inheritance or legacy to be passed on or a genetic skill that we acquire naturally. The trauma and joys of life simultaneously teach us wisdom that comes through judgement and discrimination. Wisdom is not merely the acquisition of knowledge but a refinement of knowledge, the distilled wisdom that we apply as the situation demands. It is the collective experience we gather as we go along that informs our decisions and influences our values and ways.***

Wisdom is the ability to retain your equanimity regardless of circumstances realising fully that not everything is in your control, to change or improve what you can and a gracious acceptance of what you cannot and understanding the difference between them. It is basically a search for meaning and knowledge and the essence of being human. A large part of wisdom is *'Saha hrudayata'* ***or empathy that shared feeling of humanity. The quality of being wise is recourse to the soundest course of action based on knowledge, experience and understanding. The wisest among us are those who carry their greatness, learning and virtue lightly on their shoulders and are not averse to learning from the humblest among us. They believe that everyone has the power to add value to our lives and every encounter should be treasured because it may not come again. Also true wisdom does not try to seek meaning and significance where there is none but living life with hope and courage. Often life brings tragedies and suffering in its wake as well as immeasurable joys but wisdom gleans resilience from it all and the knowledge everything will pass. The greatest teaching of wisdom comes from the Bhagavadgita where Krishna tells Arjuna that he must take arms against his kin in the resolution between good and evil. Wisdom is the ability to discern between right and wrong, to make a choice when confronted with difficult and varied possibilities and live life with equanimity and peace.***

Wisdom is about considered choices and understanding our limitations in the backdrop of ambitious goals. Above all wisdom means tolerance, a commitment to listen to other voices, a humility that elevates a human being.

— Sudha Devi Nayak in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Statues slapped everyday!

Beijing: For over five centuries, the statues of Qin Hui, a former chancellor of the Song Dynasty, and his wife have been slapped, kicked and spit on by millions of people.

In the heart of Hangzhou, forever facing the impressive mausoleum of a brave general they once framed and got executed, are the statues of Qin Hui and his wife, two of the most hated and despised figures in Chinese history. They are depicted on their knees, with their heads down and their hands tied behind their back, eternally humiliated for their treason.

But that is not enough for the cast-iron statues, as they also have to endure slaps, punches and kicks of hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people every day.

To get an idea of how much abuse Qin Hui and his wife receive, the statues have been replaced 11 times since they were installed in the late 15th century, with the latest ones dating back to 1979.

Dogs turn into blue at Chernobyl

Chernobyl: Shocking images from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant area showed several dogs with bright blue fur.

The images were shared by an organisation named Dogs of Chernobyl, who are the caretakers of these dogs.

The organisation said that during a recent routine sterilisation and medical checks, the team found three dogs with vibrant blue fur.

The caretakers suspect that the dogs may have come into contact with an unknown chemical substance, which could have caused the blue colouration.

Despite their unusual appearance, the blue dogs looked "very active and healthy."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Stroke is not necessarily the end — many survivors resume full lives after rehabilitation and support.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A.R. - Senior Consultant - Neurosurgery & Endo Vascular Surgeon - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Unity Run by KPA on Oct. 30

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (KS)- As part of 150th birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) has organised Unity Run in city on Oct. 30.

The 5-km run will be flagged off by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP - Training) Alok Kumar from KPA West campus on Abba Road in Nazarbad here at 6.30 am.

More than 500 participants including Sub-Inspector trainees of KPA, trainees from Mysuru Police Training School, Heads of Police Training Schools from across the State, senior Police Officers and also Police Officials from Bavaria in Germany will participate.

The runners will reach the City Armed Reserve Police Unit Circle, take a turn and will culminate the run at KPA East campus at 7.45 am.

Pratibha Puraskar: Entries invited

Mysuru, Oct. 29- As part of Sri Bhakta Kanakadasa's 538th Jayanti celebrations, Santa Sri Kanakadasa Jayantotsava Samiti, Kanaka Gurupeetha branch, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, has invited applications from Mysuru students belonging to Kuruba community, who have secured above 80% marks in SSLC and II PUC (2024-25), to present Pratibha Puraskar.

Eligible students may submit their applications, along with photocopies of markscard, caste certificate and mobile number, to the Office of Sri Mahalakshmi Kollapuradamma Temple on Narayana Shastri Road, Mysuru, before Nov. 6.

For details, contact Siddanagendra (Mob: 93421-15656) or BSSL Madegowda (94803-25656) or Nagaraju (81979-67641), according to a press release.

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REALLY...?

- *Chameleons don't change colour to blend in — they change based on their mood and temperature.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Clara went for a job interview.

Clara: *I like the job here but my previous employer gave me much better salary.* ***Employer:*** *How much?* ***Clara:*** *Almost three times of it.* ***Employer:*** *Life Insurance?* ***Clara:*** *As much as 5 lakh.* ***Employer:*** *Vacation?* ***Clara:*** *Two months every year with double pay.* ***Employer:*** *Then why did you leave the job?* ***Clara:*** *Because the company went bankrupt!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 88.20
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 116.76
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.01
1 Euro	= Rs. 102.58

VOICE OF THE READER

Illegal encroachment, footpath damage by street hawkers

Sir,

I would like to draw the attention of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to a serious issue of footpath encroachment and damage along T.K. Layout Main Road — from RTTC water tank up to Kavitha Bakery.

At least 10 street hawkers operate near the water tank, having damaged the footpath to erect permanent and semi-permanent stalls. Their unauthorised presence from 5 am to 10 pm has led to chaotic parking by buyers, resulting in traffic congestion.

A more distressing concern is the complete loss of safe walking space for senior citizens and children, who are forced to walk on the busy road amidst traffic. I personally witnessed a senior citizen falling onto the road while trying to avoid oncoming vehicles, during late evenings.

What was once a calm neighbourhood has now turned into a public nuisance. Both sides of the footpath are encroached by vegetable and fruit vendors, eateries and makeshift shops. Further down, large tea stalls have also been set up on footpath.

Adding to the problem, residents along the road have converted the remaining stretch of footpath into unauthorised parking spaces, with some even erecting poles to create covered parking for their vehicles.

We pay hefty taxes to MCC, yet we are denied even the basic right to a usable footpath, especially in our later years. Who authorised these individuals to damage and occupy public property? Why should taxpayers be made to suffer?

I urge the MCC to take immediate action to clear these encroachments and restore safe walking paths for citizens.

— A tax-paying senior citizen

Mysuru 26.10.2025

New team of Mysore University Library and Information Science Students' Association

Mysuru, Oct. 29- The new team of Mysore University Library and Information Science Students' Association (MULISSA) was formed at the Department of Studies in Library and Information Science, University of Mysore, recently.

The event, held at Dr. S.R. Ranganathan Seminar Hall in the presence of faculty members, research scholars and MLISc students, was presided by Prof. N.S. Harinarayana, Chairman of the Department.

The Association aims to promote students' overall development, foster teamwork, build leadership qualities and strengthen Department's academic and cultural environment.

Senior Professor Dr. M. Chandrashekara administered oath. The following were unanimously elected as office-bearers of MULISSA for 2025-26:

President - Prof. N.S. Harinarayana, Chairman of the Department; **Faculty Advisor -** Dr. M. Sunil Kumar, Guest Faculty; **Secretary -** R. Rakesh; **Joint Secretary -** H.C. Sachin; **Treasurer -** D. Suprita; **Members -** S. Annapoorna, K.L. Manoj, T.M. Pavan Kumar, S. Rachappaji, M.S. Sanjaykumar and K. Sona.

An interactive session titled "Yes, You Can Speak English" was conducted by Srinivasa Rao, a soft skills trainer, for students from rural and Kannada-medium backgrounds.

Faculty members Prof. H. Adithya Kumari and Dr. B. Nivedita were also present.

Mysore Varsity Ph.D awardee

Mysuru, Oct. 29- M.B. Ashwini has been awarded Ph.D in English by University of Mysore for her thesis 'Cross-Cultural Perceptions of Mothering in the Select African American and Indian Novels in English' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.M. Vanamala. She is the daughter of B. Basavaraju and S. Padmavathi.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Staging of play tomorrow

Rangantaranga Mysuru - Children's Theatre has organised the staging of P. Lankesh's play 'Muttisikondavanu' at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises tomorrow (Oct. 30) at 6 pm. The play is directed by Keerthiraj (NSD). Nypunya School of Excellence Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Bharat Cancer Hospital Director Dr. Amar Kumar, University of Mysore's Ambedkar Research & Extension Centre Lecturer Dr. T. Padmashree, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar and writer-theatre artiste Venkatesh Edigara from Ranebennur will be the chief guests.

Musical evening

Swaramruta Melodies, Mysuru, has organised a musical evening titled 'Ilidu baa taye ilidu baa' at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on Oct. 31 at 5 pm. The programme will feature Kannada, Tamil and Telugu film songs. [Mob: 92435-07996]

Last date extended

The Social Welfare Department has extended the last date for submitting applications seeking admissions at post-matric student hostels run by the Department for Scheduled Caste students for the year 2025-26, till Oct. 31. Students can submit their applications online through website: ***swdhmis.karnataka.gov.in.*** After submitting online applications, students must submit attested copies of their documents to the Superintendent of hostels they have selected. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520910.

Digital life certificate

Central Government Pensioners' Association, Mysuru, will be holding the digital life certificate camp for all Central Government pensioners at No. 7, Sadvidya Patashala on Narayana Shastry Road in city on Nov. 2 from 9.30 am to 4 pm, according to a press release from Association President P.M. Parameshwaraiah.

Rajyotsava contests

As part of Kannada Rajyotsava, the city's Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust in association with Negilayogi Mahila Hitaishi Seva Balaga has organised several competitions for children under different age categories. The competitions are — Drawing competition (9 to 12 years and 12 to 15 years), Fancy dress competition (2 to 5 years and 5 to 9 years) and Kannada Bhavageethe (9 to 12 years and 12 to 15 years). For registration and details, visit Negilayogi Maruleshwara Seva Bhavan, Jayanagar or contact Mob: 95131-12155 or 82967-91429.

17 years on...

Classical Kannada Centre still awaits own home

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BLU&BCT)- The Kannada language boasts a rich literary and cultural legacy spanning over 2,000 years. In recognition of its immense historical significance, the Government of India accorded Kannada the status of a Classical Language in 2008.

Yet, 17 years after the establishment of the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) in Mysuru, the institute continues to function without a dedicated permanent building.

Even more concerning is the meagre funding it receives from the Central Government — a stark contrast to the generous support extended to Tamil Nadu for its classical Tamil initiatives.

Ironically, despite Mysuru being the home district of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and with influential leaders like H.D. Kumaraswamy, Pralhad Joshi, Shobha Karandlaje and V. Somanna serving in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Government, Kannada has not been accorded the priority it deserves.

Classical status in 2008

The Central Government declared Kannada a Classical Language on Oct. 31, 2008. However, due to lack of funds, actual work began only in 2013 — five years later.

The first Director was appointed four years after that and since then, four Directors have completed their terms. Prof. N.M. Talawar currently serves as the fifth Director.

Despite Kannada's classical status, the annual grant from the Centre is limited to just Rs. 2 crore — far below the Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 15 crore Tamil Nadu receives annually for its Tamil classical research.

Within these modest means, CESCK has managed to conduct 210 lectures, publish eight books and prepare 22 more for release. These figures underscore how severely classical Kannada studies are constrained.

Tamil, which received Classical Language status in 2004, has a dedicated building in Chennai and conducts year-round research and cultural programmes. By contrast, Kannada's progress remains stagnant even after 17 years of recognition.

The Centre has so far granted classical language status to 11 languages, including Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Bengali, Pali and Prakrit. Yet, Kannada continues to lag due to insufficient institutional support.

NO land from State; NO funds from Centre

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BLU&BCT)- After Kannada was accorded Classical Language status, a Central Office was established at the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) on Hunsur Road in Mysuru. The Centre continues to host lectures, workshops and various training camps from this temporary facility.

At one point, there were efforts to shift the Classical Kannada Office to Bengaluru. However, following strong opposition from Mysureans, the office was retained in Mysuru.

Despite this, the Classical Kannada Centre still lacks its own dedicated building. About five acres of land are required for its construction.

While the Central Government has assured funding once the land is provided, the State Government has not yet formally proposed the release of land. Consequently, the plan for a permanent facility and funds from the Central Government have remained stalled.

Efforts were earlier made to secure five acres either at the Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion premises in Manasagangothri or on land opposite Basava Chair. However, University of Mysore declined this proposal. As a result, the long-pending dream of constructing a permanent Central Office for Classical Kannada studies remains unrealised.

We have written to the State Government requesting allocation of land. In fact, land has already been identified and registered under the designated name for the construction of the Central Office for Kannada's Classical Language status. The next step is for the State Government to write to the Central Government seeking funds for the building's construction.

We have submitted several proposals to the State Government in this regard, but none have yielded results so far. The State Government has not yet recommended the land allocation and consequently, the Central Government has not released funds. As a result, the long-cherished dream of establishing a dedicated Central Office for Kannada's Classical Language status remains unfulfilled.

—Prof. N.M. Talawar, Director, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada

Chosen for RAAST Fellowship Award

Dr. Umakanth

Mysuru, Oct. 29- Dr. R.S. Umakanth, Professor, Department of Sericulture Science, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, has been selected for the prestigious 'RAAST Fellowship Award 2025' for his commendable contributions to research and teaching in the field of 'Biochemical Genetics of Silkworm and Breeding' from Western Ghat Researcher Association for Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

The award will be conferred on him during the International Conference 'AGRI TECHNOVA 2025' to be held on Dec. 19 at Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

In addition to teaching and research work, Dr. Umakanth is serving as Director of Information & Communication Division (ICD), Co-ordinator of e-Procurement Cell and Nodal Officer in the Office of Unified University and College Management System (UUCMS) & Examination Branch, University of Mysore.

Clear footpath encroachment on Sawday Road: DCP to traders

Police Officers instructing the shopkeepers against encroachment of footpath space on Sawday Road in the city this morning.

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BLU&BS)- Starting today, the City Police have instructed the people to stop parking their vehicles on footpath and clear encroachments on their own, on a stretch of Sawday Road from Milad Park to Mission Hospital.

A team of Police Officers, led by DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, inspected the stretch of the road yesterday and issued stern instructions, to streamline pedestrian movement and prompt the road users to abide by the traffic rules.

The team of officials including Narasimharaja (NR) Sub-Division ACP Mathew Thomas, Traffic ACP Shivashankar, NR Traffic Police Inspector Rekhabai and Mandi Police Inspector Diwakar, carried out the inspection by foot and noticed the traffic related hurdles.

The shopkeepers were warned against encroaching upon the footpath space in the name of business and parking their vehicles on the same. This follows the haphazard parking of thousands of vehicles on the either side of 1.5-km stretch of road. That apart, the automobile consultants, who trade used vehicles, mainly two-wheelers, were using the footpath space to display the vehicles, which was causing traffic jam, adding to the hustle and bustle on the road.

At the 'Jana Sampark Sabhe' held with the locals, at Mandi Police Station in the evening, DCP Sundar Raj, reiterated the instructions and the shopkeepers assured to fall in line.

> Oral instructions have been issued against footpath encroachment on Sawday Road. If the encroachment remains uncleared, the City Traffic Police in coordination with Law and Order Policemen and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), will be carrying out a simultaneous drive to clear the encroachments. It would be better if the encroachers vacate space on their own, without inviting Police action.
>
> **—Rekhabai, Inspector, NR Traffic Police**

Misappropriation of Rs. 19.73 lakh through fake documents

Case registered against former finance company employee

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (KS)- Jayalakshmipuram Police, following a Court order have registered a case against a former employee of a private micro finance company on charges of creating fake documents and cheating the company of lakhs of rupees.

The Police have registered a case against Puttaraju, who was working as a Branch Manager of Sanity Credit Care Network Limited at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage. The incident had taken place when the company was located at Vijayashreepura in city. According to the complaint lodged by the finance company's Regional Deputy Manager Sathish Kumar, accused Puttaraju, while serving as the Branch Manager, had created fake KYC documents and had approved loans totalling Rs. 19,73,853 and has used the money, causing a huge loss to the company, which had come to light during the internal audit.

Jayalakshmipuram Police, who have registered a case, have initiated further action.

Man goes missing from city

S. Naveen

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (KS)- A 28-year-old man, who left his house on Oct. 17 at about 9.30 am for a walk, has since gone missing.

The missing man is S. Naveen. He is 5.2 ft. tall, round faced, light brown complexioned, well built, speaks Kannada, mentally weak and was wearing a green coloured T-shirt and grey pant.

Those having any information about the missing man may contact Saraswathipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418323 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Tiger mauls cow in H.D. Kote Taluk

H.D. Kote, Oct. 29 (KS)- Tiger attacks have continued in Saragur and H.D. Kote taluks with a tiger killing a cow and injuring another cow at Hosaholalu village in the taluk.

Both the cows belonged to Krishnegowda of Hosaholalu. He had left the cows for grazing in his agri field. In the evening, one of the cows returned home. As the other cow did not come back, Krishnegowda observed the cow which had returned and noticed injuries on its leg. He, along with other villagers, then rushed to his field, in search of the cow and found his cow killed and partially eaten by the tiger. Krishnegowda has been earning his livelihood through the cows and his wife has urged the State Government to provide compensation.

Meanwhile, villagers have alleged that the menace of tigers had increased in the region and urged the officials concerned to capture the tigers and protect them and their livestock.

Forest Department officials, who reached the spot, have assured of providing compensation.

Man stabbed by friend at J.P. Nagar

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BLU&BS)- A man addicted to liquor allegedly stabbed his friend over a petty reason, leaving him injured, at J.P. Nagar in city recently.

Sanjay is the injured person and the accused is Raju, both residents of Mahadevapura. While Sanjay works at a meat shop, Raju is a professional car driver.

On Monday, Raju asked Sanjay to buy him a liquor, while passing near the railway track, on J.P. Nagar-Mahadevapura Road. When Sanjay refused, Raju picked up a quarrel and stabbed the former in a fit of rage.

While the injured Sanjay is admitted at K.R. Hospital in the city for treatment, Raju has been arrested by Vidyaranyapuram Police, who have registered a case in this regard.

It is a second such incident in the recent past, as a rowdy-sheeter had stabbed a real estate agent for refusing to pay his bill, at a bar in Vijayanagar. The realtor had sustained severe injuries in the incident.

Cases booked for drinking, smoking in public

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (SPN&BS)- Vijayanagar Police have registered cases against 25 persons, who were found indulging in consuming liquor in their vehicles or vacant places, in their jurisdiction recently. They were let off later, with a warning by the Police.

The Police, led by Vijayanagar Inspector S.D. Suresh Kumar, comprising Sub-Inspectors Jayakeerthi, Anand and Krishna, Commando wing and Vijayanagar Station personnel, took out a special patrolling on Monday night.

The Police also booked cases under COTPA (Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003), against 19 persons for smoking in public places. Some among them were questioned and let off later.

Similar drive was conducted by Krishnaraja (KR) Policemen in their jurisdiction on Sunday night. The suspicious looking persons were questioned and the people gathered and whiling away time in public were also warned.

Obituary

Pattada Chengappa

Mysuru, Oct. 29- Pattada Chengappa (Dharmaja), a resident of Deodar Park Apartment in V.V. Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city. He was 91.

A native of Betoli in Virajpet taluk of Kodagu district, he leaves behind his nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam yesterday, according to family sources.

Najbunnisa

Najbunnisa (72), a resident of Bada Makan near Tipu Circle, passed away on Monday in city.

She leaves behind two daughters, two sons including KPCC Minority Department Organising Secretary Syed Farooq and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed yesterday after Zohar prayers at Masjid-e-Omer Sha in Bada Makan, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Dr. M.K. Puneeth Kumar

Dr. M.K. Puneeth Kumar (32), a resident of 7th Main in Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his parents, brother and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening, according to family sources.

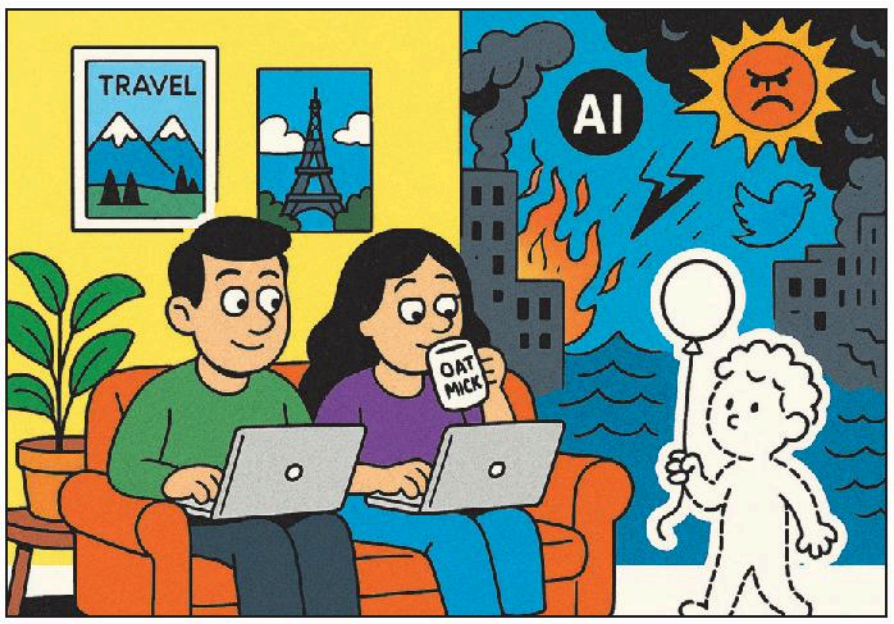
THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The era of voluntary childlessness

Once upon a time, having children was the obvious next step in life. You got married, had kids, raised them and eventually let them decide which old-age home you deserved. Not anymore.

Welcome to the era of *voluntary childlessness*. Where several Generation Z and late Millennials, armed with oat milk, therapy-speak and an excellent Wi-Fi connection, have united in saying: "Kids? Nah, we are good."



The world is on fire (literally and figuratively)

Their reasons are many — and not entirely unreasonable. They look around and see climate change, inflation and global conflict. They notice job insecurity and artificial intelligence taking over human intelligence. They ask: *"Why would I bring a child into this mess?"* It is a valid question. But it is also a little like saying, "The kitchen is on fire, so let us never cook again."

The safety paranoia

Today's young adults worry if they can even keep a house-plant alive, let alone a small human. Their worst nightmare? A toddler who accidentally goes viral on social media or worse, finds their old Tik-Tok videos. They imagine children wandering into online dangers, offline bullies and 7-hour school days packed with assessments and anxiety. One said, "I can barely manage my own anxiety. You want me to parent someone else's?"

Fair enough. But consider this. Every generation has had its version of impending doom. Our grandparents had wars. Our parents experienced fuel shortages, rationing and Cold Wars. We had landline phones and dial-up internet. And yet, here we are.

Self-care Vs child-care

Let us also talk about the freedom argument. Many say they prefer a child-free life because they value their time, peace and independence. After all, how can you travel the world if you are home toilet-training a creature who believes bananas belong in the washing machine?

This is where it gets paradoxical. The assertion is, *"We don't want to be selfish and bring a child into a terrible world."* On the surface, that sounds noble. But underneath it lies a more individualistic narrative, *"We want to live our best lives, without interruption."* Which is fair. But let us call it what it is. It sounds selfish too.

The hidden joys they are opting out of

What many miss in the conversation is this — parenting is not just a responsibility. It is also deeply fulfilling in a way that is hard to articulate. There is joy in seeing the world through a child's eyes. In hearing their mispronounced words. In bedtime stories. In the small hands that find yours. In realising that, against all odds, you are becoming your own parents.

Yes, parenting is exhausting. Yes, it is a long game. But it also teaches patience, empathy and a kind of love that has no conditions (except maybe snacks). It grounds you in ways that no mindfulness app can. You are forced to think beyond yourself. And ironically, that is the very *anti-selfishness* the child-free argument tries to champion.

To have or not to have

There is no universal answer here. It is a personal choice. But let us not paint it only in shades of fear or duty. Let us acknowledge the complexity. And maybe, just maybe, admit that choosing not to have kids does not always stem from concern for the child. It often stems from concern for the self.

And for those on the fence; no, your child will not come with an instruction manual. But neither did your smartphone and you figured that out just fine.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Droupadi Murmu becomes first President to take Rafale sortie

New Delhi, Oct. 29 (PIB)- President Droupadi Murmu, the Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces, became the first President to take a sortie in a Rafale fighter jet at Air Force Station in Haryana's Ambala.

President Murmu was formally given a guard of honour before her Rafale sortie. Shortly before the aircraft took off at 11.27 am, President Murmu posed for pictures, holding a helmet in her hand and wearing sunglasses. She waved from inside the jet just ahead of starting her flight.

Indian Air Force Chief of Air Staff (CAS) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh also flew in another aircraft. Group Captain Amit Gehani was the pilot of the aircraft carrying the President. He is also the Commanding Officer (CO) of Indian Air Force's No. 17 Squadron, the 'Golden Arrows'.

However, this was not her first stint with fighter jets. On April 8, 2023, Murmu became the third President and second woman Head of State to take a sortie in a Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft at the Tezpur Air Force Station in Assam.

Former Presidents Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and Pratibha Patil had undertaken sorties in Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft at the Air Force Station, Lohegaon, on June 8, 2006 and Nov. 25, 2009, respectively.

Rafale jets were used in India's 'Operation Sindoor', which was launched on May 7 to destroy several terror infrastructures in territories controlled by Pakistan.

The strikes triggered four days of intense clashes between India and Pakistan, which ended on May 10.

Manufactured by French aerospace major Dassault Aviation, Rafale fighter aircraft were formally inducted into the Indian Air Force in September 2020 at the Air Force Station, Ambala. The first five Rafale aircraft, which had arrived from France on July 27, 2020, were inducted into 17 Squadron, the 'Golden Arrows'.

Kabini project to end water woes

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According to Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, the Kabini project was conceived with this expansion in mind.

Newly developed areas such as Srirampura, Bogadi, Kadakola Town Panchayat and Hootagalli City Municipal Council now house nearly 1.45 lakh residents. MUDA has created 50,057 residential sites, while another 53,163 sites have been approved in private layouts — together accommodating about 4.95 lakh people.

"The Kabini project's main goal is to eliminate water scarcity in these rapidly developing areas," MLA Devegowda said.

Three-phase expansion

Currently, Mysuru receives 300 MLD of water from Belagola, Hongalli, Melapura and Kabini sources. However, persistent shortages in Southern localities led to a three-phase project to draw additional water from the Kabini River at a total cost of Rs. 108 crore.

Under this scheme, water treatment plants with a combined capacity of 184 MLD have been installed. The total expenditure on the second phase alone stands at Rs. 33 crore, sourced from multiple avenues — Rs. 3.52 crore from the 13th Finance Commission, Rs. 5.38 crore from the 14th, Rs. 7.56 crore from the 15th, Rs. 1.32 crore from MCC's own funds and Rs. 14 crore from MUDA.

With the completion of the second phase, pumping capacity has increased from 60 MLD to 110 MLD, while the purification plant capacity has doubled from 60 MLD to 120 MLD. Once all three phases are completed, the Kabini project will handle 184 MLD, raising Mysuru's overall water supply capacity to 360 MLD.

Beneficiary areas

The project will benefit 23 localities under MCC limits — including Srirampura, J.P. Nagar, Kuvempunagar, Saraswathipuram, Ashokapuram, Sharadadevinagar, T.K. Layout, Ramakrishnanagar and Dattagalli, all within the Krishnaraja Assembly Constituency.

Additionally, 8 adjoining private layouts — such as Ramabai Nagar, Mahadevapura, University Layout and Lingambudipalya — will receive water, along with other neighbourhoods like R.T. Nagar, Somanatha Layout, Bogadi, Roopanagar, BEML Layout, Judicial Layout, Ravishankar Layout and Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

Infrastructure upgrades

Supporting the system are major power and pumping enhancements. An 11 kV underground express cable has been laid from the remote substation to the Kembal pumping station.

New high-capacity pumps — 2x2500 HP at Kembal and 2x1750 HP at the Pinjrapole Intermediate Booster Pumping Station (IBPS) — have been installed to ensure reliable delivery and meet future demand.

Combing at Bennegere following tiger attack

Tiger netted near Anjanapura turns out to be a different one

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (MTY&KS)- Forest Department personnel, conducting a combing operation to capture the tiger that killed a man at Bennegere village in Saragur taluk, caught a different tiger at Anjanapura village in Nanjangud taluk yesterday.

The captured female tiger, about 8 to 9 years old, has been shifted to the Chamundi Wild Animals Rescue, Rehabilitation and Conservation Breeding Centre of Mysuru Zoo at Koorgalli.

On Oct. 26, Rajashekar, a resident of Bennegere village, was fatally attacked by a tiger while grazing his cattle, prompting the Forest Department to launch a large-scale operation to track down the animal.

Recently, a tiger was sighted near Eeregowdanahundi, Mahadevanagar and surrounding areas close to Hediyala in Nanjangud taluk. Drone footage confirmed its presence and the Forest team was immediately deployed to the region.

The operation, which began around 2 pm yesterday, involved three shooters, veterinarians and forest personnel, assisted by domesticated elephants Bhima, Mahendra and Rohit. After a three to four-hour effort, the team managed to capture the tiger.

The tiger, caught at Anjanapura village in Nanjangud taluk yesterday, being housed at Chamundi Wild Animals Rescue, Rehabilitation and Conservation Breeding Centre of Mysuru Zoo at Koorgalli.

Initially, a tranquilliser dart missed its target and the tiger fled. A second dart also failed to hit. The animal then crossed agricultural fields and entered Anjanapura village, triggering a public alert. Villagers were instructed through a public address system to move to safer areas.

A third dart successfully struck the tiger, which, under the influence of the tranquilliser, moved in a semi-conscious state towards the village and collapsed near a house. The Forest staff swiftly rescued it, placed it in a cage, administered first aid and transported it to the Koorgalli rescue centre.

Meanwhile, forest teams have resumed their efforts in the Nugu Forest Range to locate and capture the killer tiger.

The ongoing operation is being supervised by Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S. Prabhakaran and Hediyala ACF D. Paramesh, with the assistance of Veterinarian Dr. Ramesh, DCF Gurikar Ranjan and supporting staff.

Woman, son electrocuted

Hunsur, Oct. 29 (RK&KS)- A woman and her son died of electrocution when they were working in their agricultural field at Mookanahalli village in the taluk yesterday evening.

The deceased have been identified as Neelamma (38) and her son Harish (19) of Yemmekoppal.

At about 5.45 pm yesterday, the two were working in their field, when they came in contact with the metal wire supporting the electric pole in their field and were immediately electrocuted.

Hunsur Town Inspector Santosh Kashyap and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the bodies to MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru, where post-mortem was conducted and the bodies were handed over to family members this afternoon.

Hebbal roads

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"The Central Government's actions amount to injustice against Karnataka," Patil charged.

Responding to media queries, Patil appeared visibly uncomfortable and left the venue without answering further questions.

Patil alleged that the Centre was responsible for Google's AI division being set up in Andhra Pradesh, calling it a "gift" to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and claimed that the Union Government sanctioned Rs. 22,000 crore in support of the move.

"The Centre sends industries to States it favours. We hold discussions, finalise everything, but once proposals reach Delhi, things change," he said. The Minister further accused Central Government of politically motivated decisions that repeatedly sideline Karnataka in industrial allocations. "We've brought several companies to Karnataka and not a single industry has shifted out of the State," Patil said, claiming that State had attracted Rs. 10 lakh crore in industrial investments, though some semiconductor projects had slipped away due to "various reasons."

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Now, Karnataka Police all set to don Peak Cap

Bengaluru, Oct. 29 (KMS&BS)- Karnataka Police turned a new chapter, by bidding goodbye to Slouch Hats to don Navy Blue Peak Caps. With this, the men in khaki replaced the seven-decade long practice, to sport a new look.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, symbolically fixed the new style caps on the head of the Policemen, at a ceremony organised at Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha here yesterday.

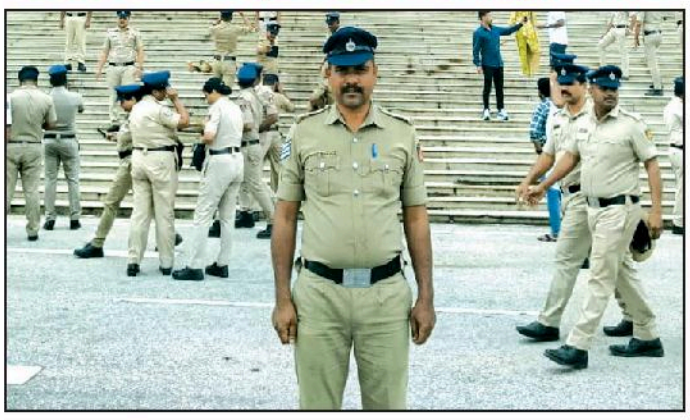
In his address, Siddaramaiah advised the Police to develop a stronger resolve to check the influence of drugs and other substances in the society, thus saving the youth power and energetic students from falling victim to vices. Such an action will bring pride to Karnataka Police at a global level.

Pointing out that, the instances of Police being hand in glove with real estate agents and drug racketeers cannot be ruled out, Siddaramaiah insisted on nipping the rowdy activities in their buds.

He (Siddaramaiah) asked the Police to question themselves, as to why the fear of Police is waning among the world of crime and the answer is no more a secret.

"Myself hold the credit of selecting Peak Cap for the Police, doing away from the same styled cap that was in use for the past 70 years. Both the Police Officers and personnel will be henceforth wearing the Peak Cap. Let this change boost your confidence and also the capability to deliver," said Siddaramaiah.

'Three Cops from Mysuru'



Satish, a DAR Police Head Constable from Mysuru, seen wearing a new Peak Cap, posing for a photo in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday.

Three Police personnel from Mysuru district, including two from City Police unit and one from the District Unit, were a part of the ceremony held in Bengaluru, where the Navy Blue Peak Caps were distributed in a symbolic manner.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said, no communication has been received yet about the distribution of Peak Caps, but will act as per the orders received from DG and IGP's office.

Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana said, a District Armed Reserve (DAR) Head Constable by name Satish was also a part of the ceremony. The new caps will be distributed in the coming days among the Police.

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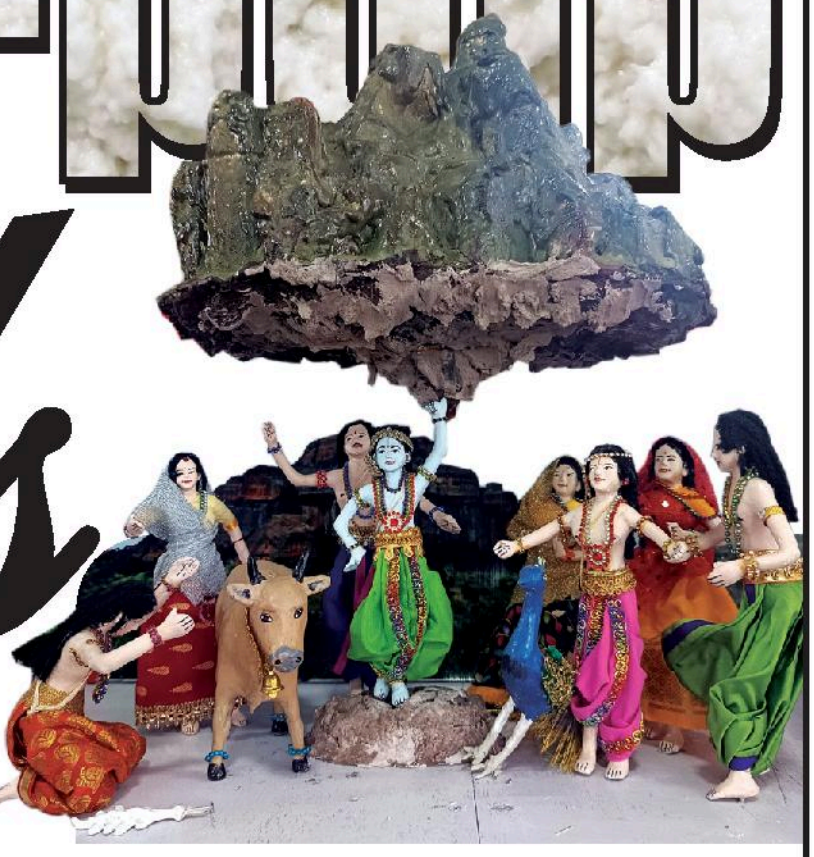
Paper-pulp Dolls



Artist K.S. Raghavendra of Inchara Kalakshetra in Mysuru moulds magic from old newspapers, reviving *Gombe Habba* spirit...

Artist K.S. Raghavendra with his wife Geetha Raghavendra at Inchara Kalakshetra in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

THE ARTIST'S JOURNEY

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Raghavendra recalls how it all began: "Art is something I inherited from my mother. Doll arrangement had been a ritual in our house for many years."

"But after my mother passed away in 2005, I don't know what happened to those dolls. During the COVID lockdown in 2021, I was jobless and wanted to keep myself engaged. That's when I decided to make dolls. I experimented with clay and cloth, but the results didn't satisfy me. Finally, I tried paper pulp — and it worked beautifully."

On how he chooses his themes, Raghavendra says, "I grew up listening to Vadiraja's composition *'Sthreeyarellaru Bannire Srinivasana Padire...'*, which my mother often sang. That inspired me to recreate the story of 'Srinivasa Kalyana' through dolls in 2021. I made 120 dolls for the display and received great appreciation. Many Swamijis — including the Vyasaraja Mutt Seer and Sonde Mutt Swamiji — visited the show. Their encouragement pushed me to continue."

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The word *Navaratri* or Dasara instantly brings to mind majestic elephants in training, the grandeur of *Jumboo Savari,* the Torchlight Parade, the brilliance of city illumination and a host of exhibitions — from art, craft and books to flowers and cultural performances across Mysuru.

Amidst all these grand festivities, one quiet yet deeply meaningful tradition continues to keep our heritage alive — the *Gombe Habba* or the Festival of Dolls.

Gombe Habba is a cherished custom where families preserve and display dolls — some over a century old — passed down through generations.

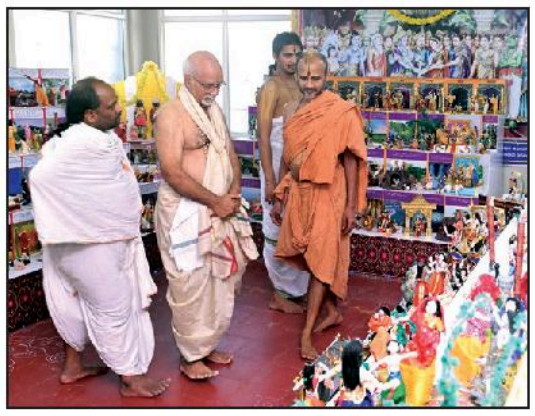
These displays are not merely decorative but serve as storytelling tableaux depicting mythological and cultural tales. During this time, women visit one another's homes to view the arrangements and exchange *'Arishina-Kumkuma'* as part of the ritual.

Among those who celebrate this tradition with passion and purpose is K.S. Raghavendra (Karpur Subbarao Raghavendra), a 76-year-old artist from Vijayanagar.

Since 2021, he has been presenting his own unique version of *Gombe Habba* — one that combines artistry with education. Unlike most families, Raghavendra's dolls are not heirlooms or purchased collections; they are entirely handmade using paper pulp crafted from old newspapers.

DOLLS IN THE MAKING: ***Once shaped with paper pulp, the armatures are coated with primer and left to dry before undergoing final colouring and draping.***

Keeping culture alive



Raghavendra explaining the sequence of his doll display to visitors at Inchara Kalakshetra in Vijayanagar, Mysuru, this year. Picture right shows Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji who visited the doll show last year.

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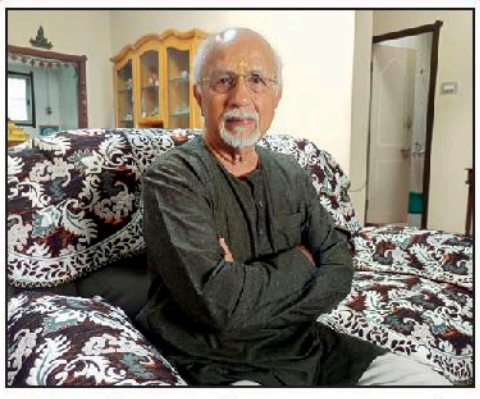
Raghavendra adds, "The next year, a friend suggested I depict the life story of Sri Raghavendra Swamy. That's how the 2022-23 theme 'Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime' with 170 dolls took shape. This too received appreciation from the Pejawar and Palimar Mutts and even the Uttaradi Mutt Swamiji. For 2024, my theme was 'Dashavataradalli Bala Krishna Leele,' which featured 210 dolls."

Explaining his creative process, Raghavendra says, "I first write down the story and divide it into parts, identifying the characters for each scene. Then, I make armatures for all the dolls at once to maintain uniformity, shaping them according to the required action in each scene. This takes about a month. After that, I apply paper pulp, sand the figures, add primer, paint and drape them."

WASTE INTO ART

"The paper pulp is made from old newspapers — mostly *Star of Mysore,* as its paper quality is good — along with Fevicol and corn flour. It's truly a case of turning waste into art — *Kasadinda Rasa,"* he adds with a smile.



Son of late J.S. Subbarao, a surveyor and Kamalabai, K.S. Raghavendra holds an M.A. in Ancient History and Archaeology from the University of Mysore. He served as Assistant Curator at the Karnataka Government Museums in Bidar and Kalaburagi before resigning to pursue entrepreneurial ventures.

He later ran a photography studio and school — Foto Arts — followed by an interior decoration firm, Vijay Furniture. Raghavendra then moved to Muscat, where he managed Al Mahrooki Carpentry for 11 years before returning to Mysuru. From 2002 to 2014, he and his wife, Geetha, ran Inchara Vidyalaya, a pre-school in the city. He also served as President of Rotary Mysore Brindavan (2016-17).

His wife, Geetha Raghavendra, is a gold medallist in B.Music and teaches music to several students. Their daughter, Raksha R. Karpur, a Bharatanatyam artiste - teacher, resides in Bengaluru with her husband Vinay Mohanram, who works for an MNC. The couple's son, Siddhanth, a Class 7 student, represents Karnataka State U-14 in basketball.

Raghavendra is meticulous about detail — from costumes to hairstyles. "Some visitors say it looks good but can't explain why. But when artists visit, they notice the finer details. They tell me they can even see 'bhava' (emotion) in the dolls — that makes all my effort worthwhile," he says.

SUPPORTIVE WIFE

Speaking about his wife's support, he notes, "She's my best critic, especially when it comes to drapery. She advises me on costumes, ornaments and hairstyles. She's been my biggest support."

Reflecting on art in the modern era, Raghavendra says, "Today, with AI, many things are generated automatically. That too is a form of art, but I believe true art must reflect our culture. For example, in all portraits of Sri Raghavendra Swamy, he is shown wearing a *kachche*. I wanted to be accurate, so I called Mantralaya to confirm. They told me he actually wore only a *'kaupina', 'datti'* and *'uttariya.'* When people see my dolls, I want them to sense that cultural authenticity."

PASSING ON THE TRADITION

Recalling his time as President of Rotary Mysore Brindavan, he adds, "We had a programme called 'Bombe Rotary,' where we'd visit homes to see doll arrangements and understand the concept behind them. I believe we should revive this idea — use dolls to visually teach children moral and mythological stories and gift them 'Bombe Bagina' (sweets or eatables) to attract them. That's how we can keep this tradition alive and meaningful."

On preserving his creations, he says, "We display the dolls from the start of *Navaratri* till *Deepavali* so visitors can come during the holidays. After that, we pack them carefully in zip-lock covers to protect them from dust and spider webs. Sometimes they get minor 'fractures' but I repair them easily. Every time I unpack and rearrange them, touching each doll gives me a fresh feeling — as if the art is alive."

This year, due to public demand, the Paper Pulp Doll Show with over 500 dolls depicting 'Sri Srinivasa Kalyana', 'Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime' and 'Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele' at Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, was **reopened for public viewing on Oct. 26 and will remain open till Nov. 10.**

Concluding, Raghavendra expresses his wish to pass on his skills. "I'd be happy to teach anyone interested in learning the art of doll-making. I'm also willing to offer my Inchara Kalakshetra auditorium free of cost for deserving cultural and art programmes — provided they are open to the public and free of charge." Raghavendra can be contacted on Mob: 98867-64542.

— BNR

Mysore Monsoon Races 2025 concludes

K. Pradeep Annaiah 'Champion Trainer'

G. Venkatesh, Chairman and Senior Steward, Mysore Race Club Ltd. (MRC), presenting the 'Champion Trainer' award to K. Pradeep Annaiah for the maximum number of winners saddled (8 wins and 6 second places) in the Mysore (Monsoon) Races 2025 that concluded in city on Oct. 26. Others seen are MRC Stewards and Committee Members.

S. Antony Raj 'Champion Jockey'

K.T. Balakrishna, Steward of Mysore Race Club, presenting the 'Champion Jockey' award to S. Antony Raj for the maximum number of winners ridden (21 wins) in the Mysore (Monsoon) Races 2025 that concluded in city on Oct. 26. Incidentally, 'Echoes of Time,' which won 'The Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Memorial Multi-Million' Trophy in the 1st Day of Mysore Monsoon Races at MRC on Sept. 4, was trained by K. Pradeep Annaiah and ridden by Jockey S. Antony Raj.

All India Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament

City's Diya Bheemaiah wins bronze medal

Mysuru, Oct. 29- City's B. Diya Bheemaiah, who is one of the top ranked badminton players in the State, won the bronze medal in doubles category at the All India Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament held at Madurai from Oct. 22 to 29.

Partnering with Baruni Paraswal of Haryana, the duo lost in the semi finals to A. Ananya and Anjana Manikandan of Andhra Pradesh in a close encounter 14-21, 21 -18, 23-25.

A II PUC student of Vidhyaashram College in city, Diya is the daughter of Boppanda B. Bheemaiah and K.K. Kusuma Bheemaiah couple. Diya trains under coach Arun Pemmaiah at Sports Park, Mysuru.

Diya Bheemaiah

Her father, Boppanda B. Bheemaiah, is also a badminton coach, while her mother, K.K. Kusuma (Kambiranda), a former international athlete, now works as a fitness coach.

WORD OF THE DAY

Menagerie

Pronunciation: muh-NAJ-uh-ree (noun)
Meaning: Menagerie refers to a collection of animals kept especially to be shown to the public, as well as a place where such animals are kept. It can also refer figuratively to any varied mixture of things.
Origin: Back in the days of Middle French, ménagerie meant "the management of a household or farm" or "a place where animals are tended." When English speakers adopted menagerie in 1600s, they applied it specifically to places where wild and often also foreign animals were kept and trained for exhibition, as well as to the animals so kept. This second meaning was eventually generalised to refer to any varied mixture, especially one that includes things that are strange or foreign to one's experience.
Example: "The creatures are usually found hanging from phones or handbags ... or clutched as a kind of pet. They come in a menagerie of more than three hundred collectible forms. They can be matched to a personal style or mood: pink fur for when you're feeling flirty; glowing red eyes for a bit of an edge ..." — Kyle Chayka, The New Yorker, 20 Aug. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Ipecac

A medicinal drug used to evoke vomiting.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get over it

Meaning: The phrase "Get over it" means to accept something that happened in the past and move on.
Origin: When we talk about "getting over it," we're discussing finishing something — be that an illness, an emotional upset, or something else entirely. The origin of the phrase "Get over it" is attested to use of the word "over" as a late 14th century meaning for "recover from." The term is first seen in literature in John Behervaise's *Thirty-six Years of Seafaring Life* published in 1839, referencing an amputation: "Such was his state that no one supposed he could ever get over it."
Example: "I'm really bummed that I lost the game last night" Rosa — "You need to get over it and focus on winning today's game."

QUOTE BOX

Research is creating new knowledge. **—Neil Armstrong**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

STARS

Answer: Stars and stripes.

SUDOKU

9	1			5			7	4
8						3		1
	7				6			
		1	4		2			
5								8
			5		3	1		
			7				6	
2		5						9
7	9			2			1	5

Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	1	7	8	9	3	5	6
5	9	8	1	3	6	4	7	2
6	7	3	2	4	5	1	8	9
9	1	5	4	2	8	7	6	3
8	6	2	9	7	3	5	1	4
7	3	4	5	6	1	9	2	8
1	2	6	3	5	4	8	9	7
3	8	9	6	1	7	2	4	5
4	5	7	8	9	2	6	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

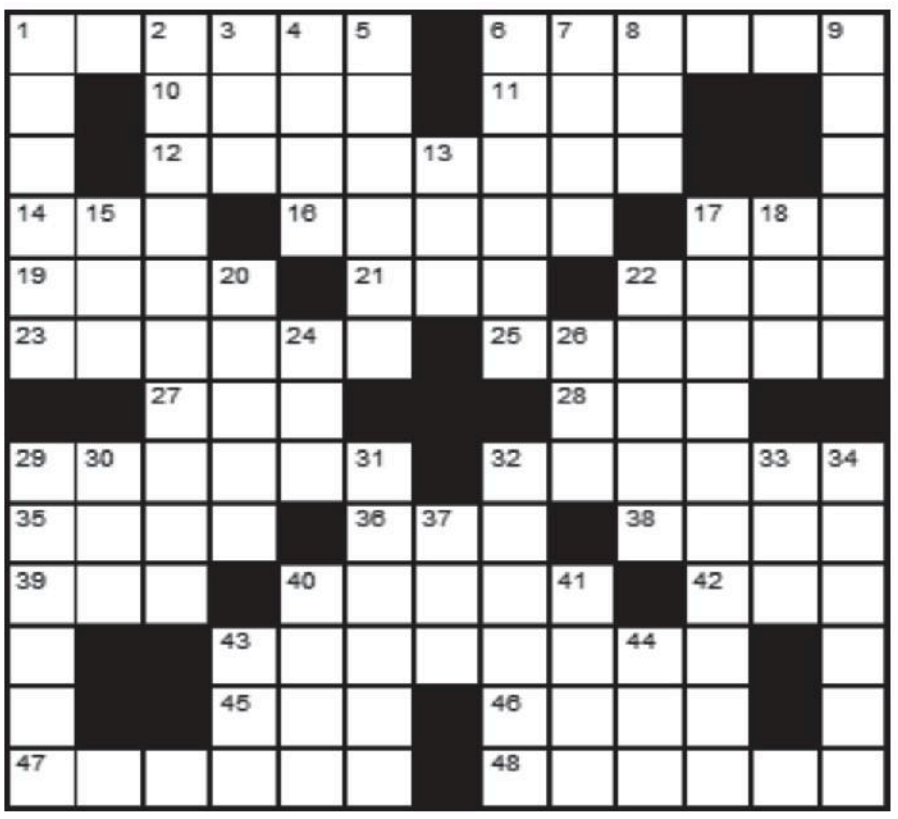
1 State home to Kochi and Munnar
6 Arises (4,2)
10 Harrow rival
11 Tokyo's former name
12 Wizard
14 Indian National Theatre, in short
16 Hockey legend ___ Chand
17 Motel kin
19 Fiddling emperor
21 Over in verse
22 Polluted air
23 Nappy
25 Curtains
27 Suffix with "cash" or "sold"
28 "And" in Hindi
29 Heart of Darkness author Joseph ___
32 Disembarked (3,3)
35 Aboard ship
36 Music is sometimes played by this
38 Wicked
39 Limited in short?
40 Locust bean
42 IRS in India
43 Strong man
45 An ___ comparison : a correct simile?
46 Pop in Paris
47 Hamlet's nationality
48 All and ___ : everyone?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	L	T	A	■	D	A	L	■	T	H	A	I
A	I	R	S	■	A	R	A	■	H	O	L	D
R	A	Y	S	■	V	I	S	C	E	R	A	L
E	R	A	■	W	I	D	T	H	■	N	E	Y
■	■	■	G	L	A	D	■	I	A	N	■	■
I	T	A	L	Y	■	E	N	R	A	G	E	D
A	R	I	A	■	R	L	G	■	D	O	E	R
F	A	N	M	A	I	L	■	S	A	D	L	Y
■	■	■	A	P	P	■	G	A	L	A	■	■
I	M	A	■	S	E	R	U	M	■	V	I	A
N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	■	M	A	N	U
C	R	O	C	■	E	T	A	■	L	R	O	N
H	Y	P	E	■	D	I	G	■	A	I	N	T

DOWN

1 Ram Nath ___ : 14th President of India
2 Held back
3 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
4 He is a titled person
5 It holds a ship in place
6 Mr Butler of Hollywood
7 Biblical garden
8 Rocky pinnacle
9 Pointed projections at the end of a fork
13 Roving ___ : tendency to ogle?
15 Indonesia's earlier name
17 Winged it
18 Notice of exception, abbr.
20 Music drama
22 Fry lightly in hot oil
24 Period of history
26 Ex-P.M. Narsimha ___
29 Rang
30 Org. Sound Track
31 Scarcity
32 Categories
33 Capable
34 Limp or flexible
37 Curve - "car" anagram?
40 Boletus mushrooms
41 The French for 'blue'
43 Helicopter Assoc. International
44 A type of sea-eagle



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GJGBNE-GJGB UBSOBGN VL NXB CVSHQ'M

HVRBSM TSB GVN CJNX NXBJS LJSMN OXVJOB.

NXTN'M CXTN YTDBM NXB IZDBKVP UHTE.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will.

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	(S-2)	10.05 am
	(S-3)	4.05 pm
	(S-4)	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	(S-1)	4.20 pm
Nellikkampoyil Night Riders (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Green (K)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Thamma (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Regretting You (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.30 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 10 pm
Yaarigu Helbedi (K)	(S-4)	9.50 am

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Yaarigu Helbedi (K)	(S-1)	11.15 am
Green (K)	(S-1)	2.20 pm
Bili Chukki Halli Hakki (K)	(S-1)	4.35 pm
Thamma (H)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	(S-2)	1 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.45 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Dude (H)	(S-4)	6.50 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (H)	: 8.40 am, 12.05 pm, 3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	: 9.05 am, 9.30 am, 11.30 am, 12.15 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Thamma (H)	: 10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Dude (Ta)	: 10.05 am, 7.15 pm
Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)	: 12.45 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	: 12.55 pm, 7.20 pm
Regretting You (E)	: 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
K-Ramp (Te)	: 4.10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Thamma (H)	: 9.25 am, 12.30 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	: 10.50 am, 11.45 am, 12.15 pm, 2.15 pm, 3.10 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	: 6.20 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	: 9.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 29)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542]
- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **University Evening College:** Inauguration of 2025-26 Cultural, NSS and Sports Activities by DCP K.S. Sundar Raj, NSS Programme Co-ordinator Prof. M.B. Suresh chief guest, University Evening College Principal Prof. V. Shanmugam presides, University Evening College new building, **6 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Sri Saptamatruka Devasthanam, 7th Main Road, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Sri Male Mahadeshwara Bhakta Mandali:** Sri Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Karthika Masa Puja Mahotsava, Devotional Songs by Dialogue Bheerappa of Junior Rajkumar-fame and Somashekar troupe, cultural programmes, Male Mahadeshwara Temple, Janathanagar, Thonachikoppal, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Gita Jnana Yajna, Swami Gahanananda delivers discourse on 'Karma Yoga of Bhagavad Gita - 3rd Chapter,' Shivananda Jnanalaya, Lakshmipuram, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **BEML SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, Mysuru:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 134th Birthday Celebrations, Urilingapeddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji inaugurates, BEML Director (Finance) Anil Jerath, Director (HR) Debi Prasad Satpathy and Director (Mining & Construction Business) Sanjay Som guests of honour, Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) CGM & Chief Liaison Officer for SC/STs Channappa Dyamappa Madar chief guest, BEML CGM & Chief of Mysore Complex Brig. Vivek Kohar presides, Lalitha Kala Ranga Mandira, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore, **6 pm.**
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- **Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram:** World Senior Citizens Day celebrations, MLC Madhu G. Madegowda inaugurates, Industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy chief guest, Elder Citizens Council Trust Chairman S.V. Gowdappa will be present, Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju presides, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Council premises, **11 am.** [Mob: 99804-12406]
- **Rangantaranga Mysuru - Children's Theatre:** Staging of play 'Muttisikondavanu,' written by P. Lankesh and directed by Keerthiraj (NSD), Nypunya School of Excellence Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Bharat Cancer Hospital Director Dr. Amar Kumar, University of Mysore's Ambedkar Research & Extension Centre Lecturer Dr. T. Padmashree, Kannada Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar and writer-theatre artiste Venkatesh Edigara from Ranebennur chief guests, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
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Thamma (H)	: 9.55 am, 1.00 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm,
Dude (Ta)	: 1.10 pm
Green (K)	: 4.05 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Thamma (H)	: 10.00 am, 4.00 pm, 7.50 pm, 10.20 pm,
Newton's 3rd Law (K)	: 10.45 am
Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	: 11.30 am, 12.15 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)	: 1.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Bili Chukki Halli Hakki (K)	: 1.35 pm
Dilmaar (K)	: 4.30 pm
Dude (Ta)	: 7.25 pm
Nellikkampoyil Night Riders (Ma)	: 9.45 pm

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